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Applicant: Tojo et al.
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Group Art Unit: 3726
Examiner: Percy W. Echols
Title: "Method and Machine for Forming Protective Film
on Sprayed Coating of Large-Sized Product"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box CPA
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the final Office Action dated July 02, 2002, and in connection with the subject continued prosecution application (CPA) filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by adding a paragraph on page 1, between lines 2-3 as shown on the attached sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 40 and 43 as shown on the attached sheets (including a clean copy of the amended claims and a copy showing changes with brackets and underscoring). Please add new claim 44 as shown on the attached sheets. Please cancel claim 34 without prejudice and without dedication or abandonment of the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS:

Initially, applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the helpful and courteous